

Red Strategy in Taking Over Two Nations Told at World Affairs Meet

The "whys" of the fate of two Middle European countries now in the Communist fold, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, were discussed last night for the World Affairs Council of San Joaquin County by Harold Kirkpatrick, candidate for the doctor of philosophy degree at the University of California's Center of Slavic Studies.

In the opening lecture of the "Countries Behind the Iron Curtain" series, Kirkpatrick pointed to Czechoslovakia as a place where the pattern of Russian strategy shows most clearly.

The Red steps toward success as seen in Czechoslovakia were, first, a hard core of Communists, then, collaboration, help with a coalition government, seeming satisfaction with a less important ministry to divert suspicion, growing establishment in lesser ministries, adroit acceleration of the importance of these ministries, and when power is well-entrenched, the final coup.

PAYS TRIBUTE

Kirkpatrick, a native Californian who was studying abroad when World War II broke out and who was interned, paid tribute to Masaryk, the "father" of Czechoslovakia, and to Benes for the growth of democracy, reminding council members that Czechoslovakia was "born" in Pittsburgh,

Pa., when Masaryk negotiated the Czech-Slovak pact.

Kirkpatrick, who has served with U.S. Central Intelligence in Europe, discussed the historical background for the emergence of Hungary and Czechoslovakia, commenting on the linguistic difficulties, and declared that the people believe themselves to be intensely national and an actual part of the life of the nation because their ancestors have lived in the same valleys for centuries.

The background for the fall of Hungary to the Communists is different, Kirkpatrick said, because the Red Army has been in Hungary since World War II. This gave the Communists the perfect set-up for control.

DECLARED 'ARMY'

Kirkpatrick stated bluntly that the Communists constitute an army and not a political party.

A film on the two countries was shown during the program and the Stockton Public Library presented a display of books and other materials on Middle Europe.

A similar display will be presented for each lecture in the series.

The second lecture, on Red China, will be delivered at 8 p.m. Monday in Anderson Hall, College of the Pacific, by Dr. R. Gordon Agnew of the University of California College of Dentistry.

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